

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116 -
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE - EXAMINING GROUP 1646**

Attorney's Docket No. PP16022.017(035784/271881)

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re:	Wolfe et al.	Confirmation No.:	2260
Appl. No.:	10/750,076	Group No.:	1646
Filed:	December 31, 2003	Examiner:	Bruce D. Hissong
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COMMUNICATION

Sir:

In response to the final Office action dated April 30, 2007 Applicants filed an Amendment After Final under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 on July 2, 2007. As the two month date (*i.e.*, June 30, 2007) for filing a response to the final Office action was a Saturday, a reply filed on the next succeeding business day which was not a Saturday, a Sunday or a Federal Holiday within the District of Columbia (*i.e.*, July 2, 2007) is deemed to have been filed within the two months period and the shortened statutory period will expire at three months from the date of the final rejection or on the mailing date of the advisory action, whichever is later (see, MPEP § 706.07(f)). An advisory action was mailed to Applicants on October 18, 2007. Therefore, the shortened statutory period expired on October 18, 2007 and the Notice of Appeal filed herewith, with a petition for a one month extension of time, is timely filed on October 29, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

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